

Bethel Baptist Church
The Gospel Perspective on Life and Death
Philippians 1:18b-26
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Question: What does Paul's gospel centered view of life and death look like?

- I. The declaration of unshakeable joy (1:18b-19)
 - A. A passionate decision to live above my circumstances
 - B. A personal understanding of deliverance
- II. The declaration of unwavering courage (v.20)
 - A. A desire to do right
 - B. A determination to speak truth
 - C. A decision to serve God
 - D. A delight to glorify Christ
- III. The declaration of unfaltering faith (1:21-24)
 - A. The proclamation of purpose (21)
 - B. The profit of living (22)
 - C. The pleasure of leaving (23)
 - D. The passion for serving (24)
- III. The declaration of undying service (1:25-26)
 - A. The compassion of a servant
 - 1. The passion for others
 - 2. The priority in service
 - B. The cause of the service

QUESTIONS:

1. What did you hear?
2. Do you think that as Paul sat in prison contemplating the end of his life that he had any regrets? Why or why not?
3. Do you have any regrets about your life?

Do they involve having given too much for Christ or in having given too little?

How should this impact the choices you make now?
4. What does living life free from the need for "self-vindication" mean?

How can this impact the way we live?
5. Think about the four priorities of Paul (21-24) that reflect those of Jesus:

A desire to do right
A determination to speak truth
A decision to serve God
A delight to glorify Christ

What do these four priorities look like in a believer's life today?
6. What does "to live is Christ" really mean?

If I live the "Christ life," how will this impact the way I live and the choices that I make?

If I live the "Christ life," how should this impact the way I expected to be received and treated?
7. Do you think that most Christians have the expectation that they "should" be treated well?

How do you think it impacts their choices about what they do and say when they anticipate that it might cause them to not be treated well?

8. Discuss the statement: "He who has lived to accumulate the most has actually succeeded in living least for he has accomplished the task of having most to lose."
9. What does "living dangerously" as a believer look like in our setting?
10. What are your thoughts when you hear the statement "It is only when we are free to die that we are free to live!" ?